



The second question of Fatwa no. 1272

Q 2: What is the Du`a' (supplication) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to say after the last Tashahhud (a recitation in the sitting position in the last unit of Prayer) and before concluding the Salah (Prayer)?

A: After finishing the last Tashahhud, the Prophet (peace be upon him) would, seek refuge with Allah (may He be Exalted) from four things and ordered his Companions to do the same. It is reported on the authority of Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with both of them) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to say after Tashahhud: (O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the punishment in Hell, and I seek refuge in You from the punishment in the grave, and I seek refuge in You from the trial of Al-Masih-ul-Dajjal (Antichrist), and I seek refuge in You from the trial of life and death.) Related by Abu Dawud. It is also reported on the authority of `Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) would supplicate Allah (may He be Exalted) while in Salah saying, (O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the punishment of the grave and from the afflictions of Al-Masih-ul-Dajjal (the Antichrist) and from the afflictions of life and death. O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the sins and from being in debt.)

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Recorded by Ahmad, Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud, Al-Nasa'y and Al-Tirmidhy. Moreover, it is reported on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, (When any one of you completes the last Tashahhud, he should seek refuge with Allah from four (things); i.e. from the torment of Hell, from the torment of the grave, from the trials of life and death and from the mischief of Al-Masih-ul-Dajjal (the Antichrist).) Recorded by Ahmad, Muslim, Abu Dawud and Al-Nasa'iy. Furthermore, the Prophet (peace be upon him) taught Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) another Du`a' (supplication) to say in his Salah. Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) is reported to have said, (I asked Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) to teach me a good invocation in the Salah. He told me to say, "O Allah! I have done great injustice to myself and none except You forgives sins, so please forgive me and be Merciful to me as You are the Forgiver, the Merciful.") Recorded by Ahmad, Al-Bukhari and Muslim. In addition, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, (Do not miss supplicating after every Salah (Allahumma a`inni `ala dhikrika wa-shukrika wa-husna `ibadatika (O Allah, help me to remember You and thank You and enable me to worship You properly).) Moreover, the Prophet (peace be upon him) gave his Ummah free choice to say whatever supplication they like after the last Tashahhud. Ibn Mas`ud (may Allah be pleased with him) is reported to have said,

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(While observing Salah behind the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) we used to say, "Peace be upon Allah from His Servants, peace be upon so and so. One day, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said to us, "Do not say that; verily Allah is Himself Peace, but when any of you sits

during the Salah, he should say 'All services rendered by words, by acts of worship, and all good things are due to Allah. Peace be upon you, O Prophet, and Allah's mercy and blessings. Peace be upon us and upon Allah's upright servants,' for when he says this it reaches every upright servant in the heaven and on earth or between the heaven and the earth. 'I testify that there is none worthy of worship (in truth) but Allah and I testify that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.' Then he may choose any supplication he likes and says it. Recorded by Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud and others with similar wording. Thus, through his own practice and through teaching his Companions, the Prophet (peace be upon him) gave Muslims free choice in supplication. However, it is preferable to say the supplications that the Prophet (peace be upon him) or any of his Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) are authentically reported to have said.

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